

## ***Products that use rechargeable batteries***

- Cellular and cordless phones
- Video and digital cameras
- Laptop computers
- Cordless power tools
- MP3 players
- Computer backup devices
- Some video games
- Shavers
- Toothbrushes
- Emergency lighting
- Security and alarm systems
- Hospital equipment
- Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs)



For helpful information and  
to locate free collection sites visit:

**[www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/recycling](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/recycling)**

and

**[www.rbrc.org](http://www.rbrc.org)**

and

**[www.knowtoxics.com](http://www.knowtoxics.com)**

**Recycling of rechargeable batteries  
is available at all Fairfax County  
Board of Supervisors offices.**

Fairfax County is proud to provide superior and reliable solid waste management services while seeking to preserve our natural resources. We collect, transport, recycle and dispose of solid waste, which includes almost everything that is thrown away or recycled, such as yard waste, household trash, recyclables, commercial trash and industrial waste.



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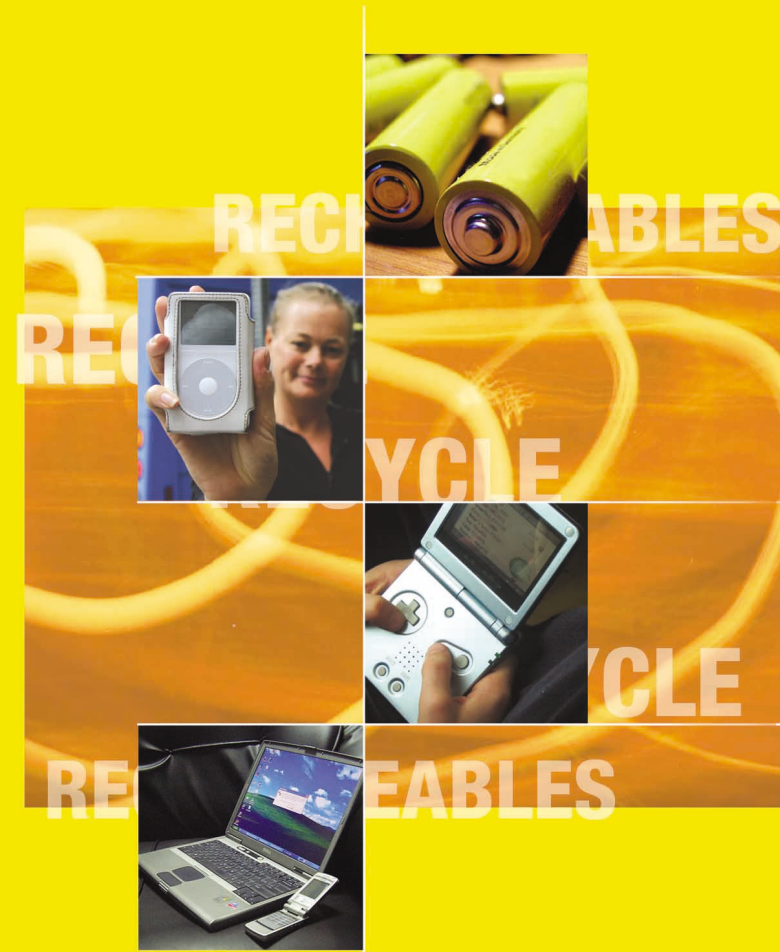
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Fairfax County is committed to a policy of nondiscrimination in all county programs, services, and activities and will provide reasonable accommodations upon request.

To request special accommodations, call the  
Solid Waste Management office  
at 703-324-5230, TTY 711.

## **FAIRFAX COUNTY RECYCLES RECHARGEABLE BATTERIES**



**IF YOU CAN  
RECHARGE IT**

**YOU CAN  
RECYCLE IT!**



**The benefits of rechargeable batteries have increasingly made them a major part of our lives.**



**In fact, more than 350 million rechargeable batteries are purchased annually in the United States.**

## ***If you can recharge it, you can recycle it!***

When your batteries can no longer hold a charge, it is time to recycle. Help create a cleaner and safer environment by keeping potentially harmful chemicals out of your trash.

### ***No need to recycle household alkaline batteries***

*Today's alkaline batteries (non-rechargeable) have been re-engineered and reformulated to reduce and eliminate heavy metals.*

*As a result, alkaline batteries may be disposed of safely in your trash in Fairfax County.*

## ***What are rechargeable batteries?***

Rechargeable batteries can be recharged and reused while single-use batteries must be replaced when their charge is up. Initially, rechargeable batteries may cost more than single-use batteries, but the benefits are realized in the long-term cost savings and environmental protection. Rechargeable batteries come in many types, including AA, AAA, C, D and 9-volt, or a special design for a specific device. They may be removable or internal to a device.

Because rechargeable batteries contain potentially harmful chemicals, they should not be disposed of in trash from your home or business. While in the battery, heavy metals such as cadmium and nickel pose little risk. The problem comes upon disposal. If improperly managed, the heavy metals can be released into our environment.

The following rechargeable battery types can be recycled:

- Nickel Cadmium (Ni-Cd)
- Nickel Metal Hydride (Ni-MH)
- Lithium Ion (Li-ion)
- Small Sealed Lead-Acid (Pb)

